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CITATION AND NOTIFICATION OF PENALTY

We believe that you violated the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. § 2131 et seq.) (AWA), as described below.

Date of Violation: March 13, 2012

9 C.F.R. § 3.125(a) Facilities, general. You failed to construct the facility of such material and of such strength as appropriate for the animals involved.

The wooden top of the resting surface for three lions was splintered on the interior corner.

Date of Violation: March 13, 2012

9 C.F.R. § 3.131(a) Sanitation. You failed to remove excreta from primary enclosures as often as necessary to prevent contamination of the animals contained therein and to minimize disease hazards and to reduce odors.

APHIS officials observed ash-colored feces on the floor and on top of the den of the bobcat enclosure.

Date of Violation: June 19, 2012

9 C.F.R. § 2.40(b) Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care (dealers and exhibitors). You failed to establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care that included the use of appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries.

In particular, you failed to provide the following animals with adequate veterinary care:

- 1) A llama with a severely matted hair coat;
- 2) A female lion with significant hair loss over her hind quarters and a swollen, red, and inflamed mammary gland on the rear right side; and
- 3) A coatimundi with two circular patches of hair loss on the left and right sides of the base of his tail.

Date of Violation: June 19, 2012

9 C.F.R. § 3.125(a) Facilities, general. You failed to construct the facility of such material and of such strength as appropriate for the animals involved.

You failed to remove a deep hole dug at the shift door of the lions'

enclosure and to repair a metal grate at the bottom that was pulled away and not attached to any structure of the enclosure. You failed to repair and/or replace the top of the wooden shelter box for the bobcat enclosure that was warped and splitting and a rusted through metal pipe in the same enclosure. You also failed to repair a gap at the base of the skunk enclosure.

Date of Violation: March 18, 2013

9 C.F.R. § 3.125(a) Facilities, general. You failed to construct the facility of such material and of such strength as appropriate for the animals involved.

You failed to repair and/or replace the torn and damaged wooden gate in the tiger enclosure that appeared to be excessively chewed or clawed. You failed to repair metal mesh panels which were exposed on the ground in the lion, tiger, and fox enclosures. You also failed to repair a hole in the wood shelter box in the coatimundi enclosure. You failed to replace metal posts in the bobcat enclosure that were excessively rusty.

Date of Violation: July 1, 2013

9 C.F.R. § 2.40(b) Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care (dealers and exhibitors). You failed to establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care that included the use of appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries.

You failed to provide adequate veterinary care to a male black leopard with red and inflamed skin and hair loss around both eyes and a female fox with green ocular discharge and matted hair in and around both eyes.

Date of Violation: July 1, 2013

9 C.F.R. § 3.125(a) Facilities, general. You failed to construct the facility of such material and of such strength as appropriate for the animals involved.

You failed to repair and/or replace the wood shelter box for two tigers that was broken in the back corner and giving under the weight of the animals.

Date of Violation: July 1, 2013

9 C.F.R. § 3.131(d) Sanitation. (d) Pest control. You failed to establish and maintain a safe and effective program for the control of insects, ectoparasites, and avian and mammalian pests.

APHIS officials observed roaches in the food prep trailer around the refrigerators and a large accumulation of vermin droppings under the sink.



Date of Violation: July 31, 2013

9 C.F.R. § 2.40(b) Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care (dealers and exhibitors). You failed to establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care that included the use of appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries.

You failed to provide adequate veterinary care to a female fox with green ocular discharge and matted hair in and around both eyes and a female tiger with two fresh open wounds on her left rear leg.

Date of Violation: July 31, 2013

9 C.F.R. § 3.127(c) (c) Drainage. You failed to provide a suitable method to rapidly eliminate excess water.

You failed to provide a suitable method to rapidly eliminate excess water as evidenced by several enclosures that were wet and muddy.

Date of Violation: July 31, 2013

9 C.F.R. § 3.131(c) Sanitation. (c) Housekeeping. You failed to keep the premises clean and in good repair in order to protect the animals from injury and to facilitate prescribed husbandry practices.

You failed to keep the premises clean and in good repair, in the following areas:

- 1) Animal enclosures were surrounded by excessive grass and weeds;
- 2) The linoleum floor of the meat storage area had holes and bubbles; and
- 3) The food prep area between the two food storage trailers had green water in buckets and bottles, bowls and feed pans lying about, and stored chemicals in the same area where food is prepared.

Date of Violation: July 31, 2013

9 C.F.R. § 3.131(d) Sanitation. (d) Pest control. You failed to establish and maintain a safe and effective program for the control of insects, ectoparasites, and avian and mammalian pests.

APHIS officials observed numerous fire ant mounds throughout the facility and in some animal enclosures.

The penalty for the alleged violation(s) described above is \$4,107.